IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Toshio TSUKAKOSHI GAU: **EXAMINER:** SERIAL NO: New Application FILED: Herewith FOR: IMAGE FORMING CHARACTERISTICS MEASURING METHOD, IMAGE FORMING CHARACTERISTICS ADJUSTING METHOD, EXPOSURE METHOD AND APPARATUS, PROGRAM AND STORAGE MEDIUM, AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD REQUEST FOR PRIORITY COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313 SIR: Full benefit of the filing date of International Application Serial Number PCT/JP01/11588, filed December 27, 2001, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120. ☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e): Application No. **Date Filed** Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below. In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority: APPLICATION NUMBER MONTH/DAY/YEAR **COUNTRY** 2000-402657 December 28, 2000 Japan Japan 2000-402686 December 28, 2000 Japan 2001-359096 November 26, 2001 2001-359103 November 26, 2001 Japan Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s) are submitted herewith will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee were filed in prior application Serial No. were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304. ☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and ☐ (B) Application Serial No.(s) are submitted herewith will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee Respectfully Submitted, OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,

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